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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS TO VISIT PRC

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. PHIL AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ CALLED SEPTEMBER 9 TO INFORM ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE HABIB THAT PLANS FOR VISIT TO PRC BY PHILIPPINE FIRST LADY IMELDA MARCOS WERE NOW FIRM. MRS. MARCOS WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 21 OR 22, ENTERING BY WAY OF HONG KONG AND CANTON, THEN PROCEEDING TO PEKING, AND CONTINUING TO SHANGHAI. ROMUALDEZ SAID IT WOULD BE A SHORT TRIP, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THE EXACT SCHEDULE. THE VISIT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE MRS. MARCOS' DEPARTURE FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

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2. ROMUALDEZ DESCRIBED THE TRIP AS ANOTHER STEP IN PROCESS LEADING TO EVENTUAL RECOGNITION. HE INDICATED THAT THE PHILIPPINE PARTY WOULD BE SMALL, BUT WOULD INCLUDE EITHER FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO, NOW EN ROUTE TO THE UN, OR ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY COLLANTES. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT PRC OFFICIALS HAD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY MRS. MARCOS DURING HIS OWN TRIP TO PEKING LAST MAY, ANDSPECULATED THAT THEY HAD IN MIND THE FACT THAT MRS. MARCOS HAD EARLIER VISITED THE USSR.

3. ROMUALDEZ INQUIRED REGARDING CURRENT U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. HE WAS TOLD THAT THESE WERE SATISFACTORY AND STABLE, THAT THE LIAISON OFFICES WERE PROVING USEFUL, AND THAT THE U.S. CONTINUED TO STAND ON THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. LATER, ROMUALDEZ TOLD A DEPARTMENT OFFICER THAT THE ROC WAS BOTH AWARE OF AND UNHAPPY OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY MRS. MARCOS; ROC REPRESENTATIVES HAD SOUGHT TO PREVAIL ON HIM TO USE HIS INFLUENCE AGAINST IT.

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